

### **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (cancelled).

2 (original). A screen printing apparatus for pattern forming of a printing paste on a screen printing plate onto a substrate to be printed by moving a squeegee in a predetermined direction, comprising:

a step of moving upward the squeegee so as to open a printing paste supply port;

a step of pressurizing a container in which the printing paste is charged so as to supply a predetermined amount of printing paste;

a step of moving downward the squeegee after supplying the predetermined amount of printing paste so as to close the printing paste supply port and simultaneously arranging said squeegee on a screen printing plate;

a step of printing with the hard thin plate side of the elastic squeegee in which a front surface is integrally formed by a hard thin plate; and

a step of scraping up the printing paste on the screen printing plate by a scraper after printing, whereby the printing is carried out by repeating these steps.

3 (original). A screen printing apparatus in which a bag-like container charged with a printing paste is manufactured by a step of welding three peripheral portions, a step of cutting an inner side of one end among three welded portions, a step of again welding a closest outer side in the cut portion, a step of bonding the cut portion by an

adhesive tape, a step of charging the paste, and

a step of welding the remaining peripheral one, the bag-like container charged with the printing paste is inserted to a cartridge and set in the screen printing apparatus together with the cartridge, and the printing is carried out after the adhesive tape bonding the cut portion being peeled off.